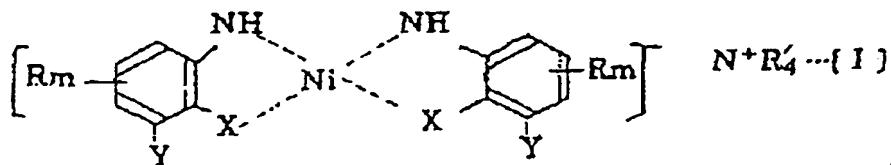


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[Scope of Claim(s)]

A near infrared absorption 2:1-type nickel complex dye, which is represented by the following formula [I]:



wherein R is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, an alkoxy group, a nitro group, a halogen, an amino group or a substituted amino group; X is sulfur, selenium or an imino group; Y is a hydrogen atom or an amino group; R' is an alkyl group; and m is 1 or 2.

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[Industrial Field of Utilization]

The present invention relates to a novel substance for a dye material which shows an absorption within a near infrared region. More particularly, it relates to a dye for an optical recording material, a dye for an infrared absorption filter, a dye for a laser printer, a singlet oxygen quencher and an anti-color fading agent.